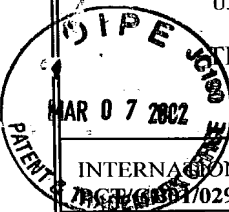


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| FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | | ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER THOM-0021 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/070937 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US01/02976 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 05/07/01 05 JULY 2001 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 11/07/00 11 JULY 2000 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION RECLOSABLE FASTENERS FOR PLASTICS BAGS AND OTHER CONTAINERS | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Martin John Charles OFFA-JONES | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau (but a copy is attached for informational purposes (4 sh. Desc, 1 sh. Claims, 1 Abstract; 1 Dwgs.)). c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. (2 sheets, plus 1 sheet showing changes and 1 sheet containing "clean copy" of claims as amended) <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of International Search Report (4 sh.); Copy of cover sheet of Publication WO 01/04307 A1; Unexecuted Declaration/POA; return postcard; check in amount of \$890. | | |
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| 17. X The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1) - (5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO..... \$1,040.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482 not paid to USPTO but International Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO..... \$890.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO..... \$740.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$710.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$100.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY | | | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <u> 20 </u> <u> 30 </u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). | | \$ | | | |
| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | | |
| Total claims | -20 = | N/A | X \$18.00 | \$ | |
| Independent Claims | - 3 = | N/A | x \$84.00 | \$ | |
| Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable) | | | + \$280.00 | \$ | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$890.00 | |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | \$ | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$890.00 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <u> 20 </u> <u> 30 </u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). | | | | + | \$ |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$890.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | | | | + | |
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| a. X A check in the amount of \$ 890.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed. | | | | | |
| b. <u> </u> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of \$ <u> </u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | | | | | |
| c. <u> </u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | | | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. | | | | | |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: | | | | | |
| CALDWELL, John W. Woodcock Washburn LLP One Liberty Place - 46th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 568-3100 | | | | | |
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